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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A system that facilitates incremental web crawls comprising: an indexer that places items with similar properties into respective chunks; and, a chunk map that stores at least some of the properties associated with the respective chunk, wherein the properties are at least one of average time between change or average importance of documents comprising a particular chunk, the chunk map employed to facilitate an incremental web re-crawl.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, the items comprising information associated with a Uniform Resource Locator.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, the items comprising at least one of an HTML file, a PDF file, a PS file, a PPT file, an XLS file and a DOC file.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, the items receives from a crawler, the crawler responsible for a specific set of Uniform Resource Locators.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a master control process that can modify the chunk map to facilitate load balancing amongst a plurality of crawlers.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a master control process that serves as an interface between a crawler and a re-crawl controller.
7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the master control process maintains a known chunks table that stores information for components of a system.